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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT - ROMANIA

1. DURING MEETING AT MIN LIGHT INDUSTRY HELD AT GOR INITIATIVE, MINISTRY OFFICIALS MADE SERIES OF PROPOSALS CONCERNING CHANGES IN TERMS OF PRESENT BILATERAL, (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED IN MARCH 1973 TO DEPARTMENT, TEXTILE DIVISION THROUGH GOR COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK), AND ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EARLY AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE BECAUSE OF GROWING PROBLEMS IN ROMANIAN TEXTILE EXPORT TRADE WITH US.

2. SUBSTANCE OF ROMANIAN PROPOSAL AS WE UNDERSTAND IT CONCERNS CHANGES IN LIMITS FOR CATEGORIES 42, 43, 49, AND 63, BUT NO RPT NO CHANGE IN AGGREGATE TOTAL WHICH STANDS AT 9,922,500 SQ. YDS. EQUIVALENT FOR 1973. PRESENT STATUS OF THESE CATEGORIES, ACCORDING TO MINISTRY, IS AS FOLLOWS:

CATEGORY 42 CONSULTATIVE 350,000 SQ. YDS.

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CATEGORY 49 SPECIFIC 741,750 SQ. YDS.

CATEGORY 63 SPECIFIC 1,764,000 SQ. YDS.

MINISTRY POINTED OUT THAT CATEGORY 63 (MISCELLANEOUS SPECIFIC CATEGORY) WITH TOTAL OF 1,764,000 SQ. YDS. EQUIVALENT HAS GENERALLY BEEN LEFT UNFILLED AT END OF ACCOUNTING YEAR. GOR REQUESTS THAT CATEGORY 63 BE CHANGED FROM SPECIFIC CATEGORY TO CONSULTATIVE LEVEL CATEGORY WITH 350,000 SQ. YDS. LIMIT. AT SAME TIME, GOR

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REQUESTS THAT CATEGORY 42 BE CHANGED FROM CONSULTATIVE LEVEL TO SPECIFIC CATEGORY WITH LIMIT OF 1,300,000 SQ. YDS., WITH PROVISION THAT THIS LIMIT BE USED FOR EITHER CATEGORY 42 OR 43, IN SUCH A MANNER THAT TOTAL SHIPMENTS FOR TWO CATEGORIES TOGETHER BE NO MORE THAN 1,650,000 SQ. YDS. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1,300,000 SUGGESTED FOR CATEGORY 42, AND 1,764,000 PRESENTLY IN CATEGORY 63, WOULD BE ADDED TO EXISTING SPECIFIC LIMIT IN CATEGORY 49 (741,750), BRINGING CATEGORY 49 TOTAL TO 1,205,750 SQ. YDS. EQUIVALENT.

3. GOR OFFICIALS CITED PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 12 OF BILATERAL AS BASIS FOR MAKING THIS PROPOSAL.

4. WHILE WE ARE NOT IN POSITION TO EVALUATE MERITS OF ROMANIAN PROPOSAL, WE DO HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH SOME US IMPORTERS, ONE OF WHOM (ZECRON INTERNATIONAL OF NEW YORK) MAY RUN INTO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH DELIVERIES IN CATEGORY 49 (COTTON JACKETS, LESS THAN THREE QUARTER LENGTH) IF ABOVE CHANGES CANNOT BE MADE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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